

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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Parish Priests:

1st March 2020

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

1st March 2020 Year A	6th March 2020 Year A
1st Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday of Lent
6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)	6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am	9.30 am
11.00 am	11.00 am
11.00 am Samoan Mass	

Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel
Monday - Saturday at 9.00 am

School Masses
St Bernadette's 9.10 am Thursdays
St Brigid's 10.00 am Fridays

Mass Intentions *Please contact the Parish Office or place in an envelope in the collection tray if wishing to arrange for a Mass to be offered, specifying the preferred day and place.*

Reconciliation: 11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
11.00am—12 noon
First Saturday of the month in the Mercy Chapel

Lenten orientation

The season of Lent is unique in that as well as making changes to our Sunday Mass – no Gloria or Alleluia and a shifting from green vestments to purple – we also attempt to make changes to our everyday lives. We attempt to do this by making small sacrifices, making more of an effort with prayer and by practically helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Ash Wednesday gospel cautions us, however, that sometimes the practices we adopt – prayer, fasting and giving alms – which are meant to orient our lives towards God and others, can end up being focused in on ourselves. I particularly like the Lenten preface prayed at Mass (below) which reminds us to ensure all our Lenten activities are outwardly focused so that we reflect God's kindness in our everyday lives.

“You will that our self-denial should give you thanks,

humble our sinful pride,

contribute to the feeding of the poor,

and so help us imitate you in your kindness.”

Fr Gerard

Dunedin Catholic Parishes Golf Tournament 2020 - Sunday 8th March

Get a Team Together

Fundraiser for Catholic Social Services

If you can't make it for the golf, you are most welcome to join us at the golf club from 5:30pm for the prize giving and refreshments. Please return the completed entry form and cheque made out to (Catholic Social Services) to:

Lee-Ann Henry,
Catholic Pastoral Centre
PO Box 1941,
Dunedin 9054
lee-ann.h@outlook.com

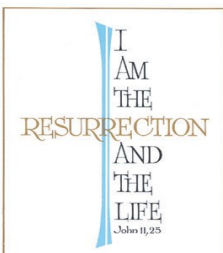


We Prayerfully Remember
those who have died recently

Evan Cavanagh
Rita O'Neill

and those who have
anniversaries at this time

Peter McHugh

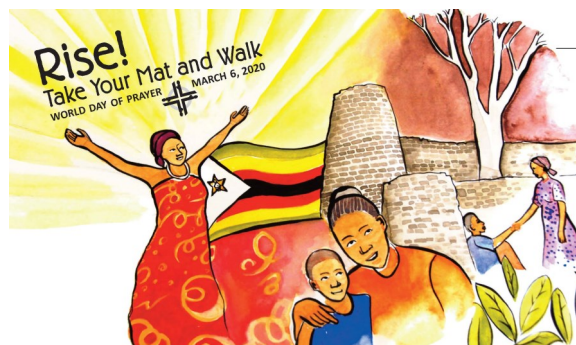


STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENTEN REFLECTION



As part of our lent journey we will be running stations of the cross sessions on some Friday evenings. You are welcome to join us for one or all of these.

Please see the poster in the foyer for further information



World Day of Prayer The World Day of Prayer will be hosted at the Baptist Church on Friday 6th March at 2pm, 414 King Edward Street. This has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, who proclaim "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk" Contact Erin KereKere on 455 5819.with enquiries. Everybody is most welcome .

Our **monthly International Rosary** will be celebrated at St. Peter Chanel Church on Tuesday, 3rd March at 7.00 pm . We would still like a few more volunteers to help us out at times and if anyone would like to pray for another country, even in English, please come and see Eileen or Toni on the night. You will be made very welcome. Fr. Michael will finish with Benediction

Our next community Hui is coming up fast! Join us on **Monday March 9th, 5.30-8pm at the Bathgate Park School Hall** for delicious food and good conversation. Bring yourselves, your ideas, and your whānau and friends. And please, spread the word. See the poster attached for all the details you need, and share it far and wide. The more the merrier!

FATHER JOHN REA - HEALING WEEKEND

Father John Rea will be at Mercy Parish St Patrick's Basilica Macandrew Road South Dunedin on the 6th and 7th of March. Friday Evening 7pm to 9.30pm **NOT 7.30pm as previously advertised.** Saturday 9.30am to 3.30pm There will be Mass at Midday then a shared lunch. Father John has been praying for people round the world for over 40 years. One of the first noteworthy healings the Lord worked through him was a woman suffering from cancer who'd been told she had month to live, she is still alive. All welcome no need to register just come along.

Homestays Needed at Kavanagh College

Kavanagh College is looking for caring families to host our international students in 2020. This is a fantastic opportunity not only for our International students who will experience our New Zealand lifestyle, but also for your family as you experience the pleasure of learning about other cultures whilst building lifelong relationships. You will receive a generous allowance during their stay which can range between 4 weeks to up to a year depending on what you prefer. To find out more about this fantastic opportunity for a rewarding, fun and intercultural experience. Please email: llastra@kavanagh.school.nz or phone our homestay coordinator on: 034773408 or 0277680788.

Mens Breakfast: Friday 6th March at 7.00 am in the Mercy Room. Come and join us to reflect on the weekly gospel reading and enjoy a cooked breakfast.

March 2020			
Ministry	Sat 7, Sunday 8th March Golf Tournament 1pm		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Team Leader	Jill Mangos	Sr Jan Ogilvy	John Paterson
Greeters	Mary Glass	Delaney family	Laraine Cuttance
Readers	Susan Howard	John Curran	Heather O'Neill
Prayers of the Faithful	Tony Yelavich Mary Glass	Brian Whelan Sr Jan Ogilvy	John Paterson
Projector	Deborah Rielly	Larry Lam	June Watt
Off/	John Fitzgibbon	Teitei & Susi Lei Family	Laraine Cuttance
Collection	Peter Rielly		Jeslin, Jaimon & Family
Altar Server/s		Isla Bell Chole Lam Feile Ryan	Matanofo Tava Shalia Kelekolio
Eucharistic Ministers	Jill Mangos Terry Mangos C Crothers	M O'Sullivan Sandra Boock Mellie Iaseto	Janferie John Paterson Letty De Bono
Sacristan	Robyn Firmin	M & K O'Sullivan Mellie Iaseto	June Watt
Childrens Liturgy		Jenny Batey	
Morning Tea		Denise & Sr Suzie	Lita & Family
Counting		R Paterson, J Curran C Radford	

Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

If you are unable to come to Mass on a Sunday or know of parishioners who are no longer able to come to Mass please let us know so Holy Communion can be taken to them. **Please contact the Parish Office, Ph. 455 8933 or Adrienne Ryan, Ph. 476 1520**

Health Care Co-Ordinator

The Diocese of Dunedin is looking to employ a Registered Nurse to oversee the health and wellbeing of our priest's. This will involve working throughout the diocese for up to 10 Hours per Week. If you are interested or require more information please contact Fr Gerard Aynsley, gerard.aynsley@gmail.com. Applications close 9 March 2020.

If you have any notices or anniversaries for the Parish Newsletter next we could you please email them before Thursday as we will be printing a day early.

Care of Priests	\$650.00
Parish	\$1308.00
Total	\$1958.00

2nd Sunday of Lent — Year A
 1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4
 2nd Reading: Psalm 33.4-5
 Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9